

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 and continuing on page 5, to read as follows:

The interior volume 20 of the impact absorption member 12 is filled with an impact absorbent material such as polyurethane foam or other resiliently durable material. The absorbent material may be injected into the impact absorption member 12 via processes known to those skilled in the art. As illustrated in a second alternative embodiment of Figure 8, the interior volume of the impact absorption member may be formed of a web-like lattice structure which provides an impact absorbent member having a resiliency inherent to the material used to form the impact ~~absorbent~~ absorption member 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4 to read as follows:

The impact ~~absorbent~~ absorption member 12 is formed of an extruded material such as PVC or an ultra low density polyethylene material. However, it is appreciated that other materials suitable for extrusion processes known to those skilled in the art may also be used for forming the impact absorption member 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, to read as follows:

Referring now to Figure 3, the impact absorption member 12 is shown wherein the flanged portion includes a center wall or planar ridge 30 and sidewalls 32. The planar ridge 30 includes spaced apart notches 34 formed substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the impact absorption member 12. Additionally, the sidewalls 32 of the flanged portion 22 have a plurality of spaced apart apertures 36 formed therein that are substantially perpendicular to the

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longitudinal axis of the impact absorption member 12. The notches 34 and apertures 36 are provided for facilitating the engagement of fastening means to the impact absorption member 12 to be described hereinafter.